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Letter dated 27 September 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you a letter dated 19 September 1991 from His Excellency Najibullah, President of the Republic of Afghanistan, addressed to you.

I have further the honour to request that the text of the present letter and its annex be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 29 and 68, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Khodaidad BASHARMAL
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Letter dated 19 September 1991 from the President of Afghanistan addressed to the Secretary-General

Conveying my salutation and best wishes to you, I would like to state that the people and Government of the Republic of Afghanistan highly appreciate your good offices aimed at a political settlement of the situation in Afghanistan.

As you are well aware, your personal efforts and those of your Special Representative aimed at putting an end to one of the most painful conflicts of the present era, which commenced with the mediation of the Geneva negotiations, continued with the constant contacts with the internal and external parties to the conflict and resulted in your recent five-point statement, are an expressive manifestation of your attentive consideration for putting an end to the grief and sorrow of our people.

The support of the people and Government of the Republic of Afghanistan for your good-offices mission has been displayed steadily in our peace proposals, initiatives and practical deeds. As you have witnessed throughout your joint work with the Government of the Republic of Afghanistan, we have made, in good faith, every effort so as to be supportive and cooperative with your endeavours for a political settlement in our country.

In the prevailing situation in which your good offices, together with our own peace-seeking activities towards a political solution and the recent US-Soviet declaration, an important step towards that end, have all boosted the expectation of the Afghan people and that of the international community for the cessation of war and the restoration of peace in our country, the Government of the Republic of Afghanistan is of the conviction that the cut-off of weapon supplies to the conflicting parties in Afghanistan solely by the United States and the Soviet Union will not and can not result in the cessation of war. Peace can be attained in Afghanistan only when, in accordance with your statement of 21 May 1991, a transitional period is accompanied by the cessation of hostilities through a cease-fire and an agreement to end arms supplies to all Afghan sides by all the supplying sources. We are also of the opinion that in order to verify a practical termination of arms supplies to Afghanistan, an effective international control mechanism should be worked out in close cooperation with the United Nations.

NAJIBULLAH
President of the Republic
of Afghanistan